

THE RICHMOND DISPATCH-SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1896.

GEN. FITZHUGH LEE.

HE HAS BEEN KEPT BUSY BY
AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS.

HE IS FOR EARLY MOVE ON CUBA.

It Looks, Too, as if This Idea Might
Again Prevail at Washington—
Personal and Postal Notes of
Interest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—(Special)—General Fitzhugh Lee left here this morning for Richmond. For weeks he has been a familiar figure at the War and Navy building, and on the streets between that structure and his hotel, the Shoreham. He has had little time to himself, and was glad to get away. While here he has been besieged by interviewers and callers, and overwhelmed with applications for places on his staff and other positions impossible for him to fill. His regular staff has to be selected from army officers of the line. Otherwise, he might have given his personal friends in Virginia a good chance for distinction and promotion.

The General has been kept busy signifying his name to photographs of himself, purchased at the stores and sent to him for his autograph. Among others who requested his autograph was a daughter of Secretary Alger's. The General most courteously complied with the young lady's request. In fact, to use a common expression, the General has been "pushed to death" up to the last moment, and when he was on the train he breathed a sigh of relief, and will welcome the plantations of Cuba as an escape from the worries of Washington.

SARTORIS AND CARBONNEL.

The General was accompanied to the train by Captains Alphonso Sartoris and Carlos Carbonnel, two of his aides, who remain here to procure their uniforms, and who will probably join the General at Richmond early next week, and proceed with him to the groves of Florida. General Lee's corps will not be at Tampa. It will be camped some thirty miles from that city, and will be immediately put in thorough marching and fighting trim.

It is understood that General Lee favors the immediate invasion of Cuba. He is opposed to the proposed plan of waiting until the "rainy season" is over. The so-called rainy season does not begin until July, and by that time the island might be in the possession of United States troops at nominal cost and little risk.

It looks to-day about as if this idea were beginning to prevail at the departments again, and it is safe to predict that if Sampson and Scott defeat Cervera's fleet in the next few days the island will be immediately invaded, and Fitz Lee's corps will assist Old Glory over Habana.

PERSONAL.

The following important order has been issued:

"Post-Office Department,
Office of Postmaster-General,
Washington, D. C., May 18, 1896.
Order No. 195.

"With reference to my order, No. 187, of the 16th instant, relative to the forwarding and delivery of articles addressed to the officers and enlisted men of the army, navy, and marine corps in active service:

"It is hereby ordered that, during the continuance of hostilities between the United States and Spain the actual location for the time being of the forces to which the addresses of any article of mail matter is attached shall be considered as the original destination of the article, and that the said article, whatever its class, shall be transmitted as rapidly as possible from place to place until it reaches the addressee. Such transmission from place to place shall not be considered as 'forwarding' in the sense in which the word 'forwarding' is used in the postal service; and no additional charge shall be made therefor.

CH. EMORY SMITH,
"Postmaster-General."

Among the fourth-class postmasters commissioned May 18th, were the following: James M. Starnes, McAlpin, N. C.; Duncan D. Lusk, Newville, N. C.

A new post office has been established at Oval, Ashe county, N. C., with Fred A. Ordway as postmaster.

The office at Visey, Buchanan county, Va., has been discontinued. Mail now goes to Golden Spring.

MARIE VAN ZANDT.

A Victim to Wagner—How Her Feelings Were Hurt by a Check.

Marie Van Zandt, who was married the other day in Paris, says the New York Sun, came to this country after the European reputation was well-established, and sang for one season at the Metropolitan.

The taste of New York audience was less liberal than that it is to-day. The long period of German opera, which established the supremacy of Wagner in New York, had made the public tolerant of anything that looked like a return of the old Italian system.

So the Abbey & Grau regime was for its first year regarded with bitterness as an attempt to suppress Wagner. To this strong feeling against the lighter art which she could so charmingly represent, Marie Van Zandt fell a victim. The audiences, accustomed to the heroic stature of Lilli Lehmann in "Die Walküre," beheld the petite figure of Marie Van Zandt in "Lakme," and concluded that they preferred their old favorite.

The state of opinion at that time was very plainly shown by the fact that a comparison of women and arts so utterly different as Wagner and Marie Van Zandt was swept out of sight.

Marie Van Zandt was sent to Semper, or Mehta, Patti might have survived it. Jean de Reszke's singing in French barely escaped.

The force of his great art was too much even for the intolerant attitude of those days. Luckily, taste has grown more liberal, and the recognition which to-day is given to the musical art of every nation marks a distinct advance over the days that followed the long German interregnum. Marie Van Zandt had other troubles during her stay here. One was the result of her appearance at a private house. She had been engaged to sing after a dinner, and it was said at the time that she received \$3,000—a sum quite unprecedented then. But the hostess was an immensely rich woman. The prima donna arrived late, and was introduced to the guests. She sang for about an hour, and then prepared to take her departure. She said good-by to the hostess, smiled at the guests, and was about to leave the room, when a footman appeared at the door and held out a silver salver toward her. In the presence of all the guests, Marie Van Zandt glanced at it, gave the hostess one blazing look, and burst into tears. Then she ran out of the room, got into her wraps, and left the house as quickly as possible. On the salver was a check for the singer's fee, and the guests who saw it are said to have been nearly as much embarrassed as Marie Van Zandt was.

PERSONAL NOTES.

(Philadelphia Press.)

Among the many honors suggested for Admiral Dewey is the tender of the presidency of the International Peace Association.

Lieutenant - Governor Jeremiah C.

STOCKS AWAIT NEWS

INDISPOSITION TO MOVE PENDING
A NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

MONEY EASY IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

This Foreshadows Another Strong
Return by the Banks To-Day—
Wheat Advances—Corn and Oats
Follow Wheat-Pork Higher.

NEW YORK, May 20.—The indisposition of stock prices to move widely, pending a decisive naval engagement in West Indian waters, became even more pronounced to-day than during the early part of the week. To-day the professional traders were apparently unwilling to wait over night for a turn in the market. In the last hour they sold the stocks they had bought in the morning, the process involving the wiping out of all the earlier gains, except for a small number of stocks, which showed special elements of strength. The supply of stocks was small, and prices moved up quite easily on the buying movement, but the demand was equally small, and the sale of holdings involved the return of the price level almost exactly to last night's level.

There was selling for London account during the morning, but this was offset by some small outside buying through commission houses.

MONEY EASY.

The money market continued very easy in all departments, foreshadowing another strong return by the banks tomorrow.

There was very little movement or activity in the bond market. Total sales, \$1,225,000.

United States old 4%, registered, declined 1-4 in the bid price. The last sale to-day of the new 4% coupons, at 121-22, showed a decline of 7-8 from the sales on the last preceding day.

The total sales of stocks were 235,800 shares, including Atchison preferred, 5,600; Canada Pacific, 900; Louisville and Nashville, 6,339; Manhattan L. & W., 18,124; Metropolitan Street Railway, 6,322; New York Island, 17,400; Pan American, 6,988; Chicago Gas, 5,950; Peoria Gas, 2,955; St. Louis Leather, 9,255; do, preferred, 17,45; Western Union, 2,380.

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